

I am in a rural area and at night the AM signals are unreliable. FM is unavailable without a tall antenna. Satellite TV and radio is our only reliable forms of listening pleasure. There is no cable system that I can connect to. XM radio is a boon to me. I am 70 years old and my first radio was a crystal set that I built myself. I love radio. In High School I built a super heterodyne AM receiver and in college I was into Hi Fi. As an Air Force pilot I handled all sorts of communications, VHF, UHF and HF single side band. XM radio has them all beat.

I recently traveled to the Southern Ozarks in Arkansas. XM radio was with me loud and clear. No static! On previous trips to that area I had to turn off the radio because reception was terrible.

I urge you to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 for my safety. I live in tornado country and the clear weather information received in my car is very useful. As a licensed pilot for over fifty years, I am very concerned about the weather around me.

Every so often I travel to Dallas, TX. A single point of contact on the XM dial is much easier than having to hunt for a station that has traffic information, along with programming that is not to my liking. Do not deny me my choice of XM radio.

Thank you,

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